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| Record Votes: Four record votes were taken today. (Total—174) | Pages S5909, S5921, S5922, S5929 |

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 6:07 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Friday, June 16, 2006. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S5986.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

FANNIE MAE

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine Office of Federal Housing Enterprise Oversight Report of the Special Examination of Fannie Mae, after receiving testimony from James B. Lockhart III, Acting Director, Office of Federal Housing Enterprise Oversight, Department of Housing and Urban Development; Christopher Cox, Chairman, U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission; and Daniel H. Mudd, and Stephen B. Ashley, both of Fannie Mae, Washington, D.C.

BUDGET: COAST GUARD

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Fisheries and the Coast Guard concluded a hearing to examine the Coast Guard budget, after receiving testimony from Admiral Thad W. Allen, Commandant, United States Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security; and Stephen L. Caldwell, Acting Director, Homeland Security and Justice Issues, Government Accountability Office.

SUPERFUND PROGRAM

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Superfund and Waste Management concluded an oversight hearing to examine the Superfund Program, which was created by the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA), focusing on efforts to stabilize and clean up National Priority list (NPL)

sites through the United States, after receiving testimony from Senators Durbin and Cantwell; Susan Parker Bodine, Assistant Administrator, Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response, Environmental Protection Agency; Leonardo Trasande, Mount Sinai School of Medicine Department of Community and Preventive Medicine Center for Children's Health and the Environment, New York, New York; Michael W. Steinberg, Morgan, Lewis and Bockius, LLP, on behalf of the Superfund Settlements Project, and Katherine N. Probst, both of Washington, D.C.; Robert Spiegel, Edison Wetlands Association, Edison, New Jersey; and J. Winston Porter, Waste Policy Center, Leesburg, Virginia.

NOMINATION

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Robert O. Blake, Jr., of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Republic of Maldives, after the nominee testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the following bills:

S. 2145, to enhance security and protect against terrorist attacks at chemical facilities, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1554, to establish an intergovernmental grant program to identify and develop homeland security information, equipment, capabilities, technologies, and services to further the homeland security of the United States and to address the homeland security needs of Federal, State, and local governments, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1741, to amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to authorize the President to carry out a program for the protection of the health and safety of residents, workers, volunteers, and others in a disaster area;

S. 2068, to preserve existing judgeships on the Superior Court of the District of Columbia;

S. 2146, to extend relocation expenses test programs for Federal employees; and

H.R. 3508, to authorize improvements in the operation of the government of the District of Columbia, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S.J. Res. 12, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States authorizing Congress to prohibit the physical desecration of the flag of the United States, with amendments; and

The nominations of Frank D. Whitney, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of North Carolina, Kenneth L. Wainstein, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Attorney General, and Thomas D. Anderson, to be United States Attorney for the District of Vermont, all of the Department of Justice.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Jerome A. Holmes, of Oklahoma, to be United States Circuit

Judge for the Tenth Circuit, who was introduced by Senator Inhofe, Daniel Porter Jordan III, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Mississippi, who was introduced by Senators Cochran and Lott, and Gustavo Antonio Gelpi, to be United States District Judge for the District of Puerto Rico, who was introduced by Representative Fortuño, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing on certain intelligence matters from officials of the intelligence community.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 19 public bills, H.R. 5622–5630; and 1 resolution, H. Res. 871 were introduced. **Pages H4133–34**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H4134–35**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 5136, to establish a National Integrated Drought Information System within the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to improve drought monitoring and forecasting capabilities, with an amendment (H. Rept. 109–503). **Page H4133**

Declaring that the United States will prevail in the Global War on Terror, the struggle to protect freedom from the terrorist adversary: The House began consideration of H. Res. 861, to declare that the United States will prevail in the Global War on Terror, the struggle to protect freedom from the terrorist adversary. Further consideration is expected to resume tomorrow, Friday, June 16.

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H. Res. 868, the rule providing for consideration of the bill was agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 222 yeas to 194 nays, Roll No. 287, after ordering the previous question without objection.

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Senate Message: Messages received from the Senate today appear on page H4024.

Quorum Calls—Votes: One yea-and-nay vote developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H4023–24. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at midnight.

Committee Meetings

CROP INSURANCE PROGRAM

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities and Risk Management held a hearing to review Efforts to Eliminate Waste, Fraud and Abuse in the Crop Insurance Program. Testimony was heard from Eldon Gould, Administrator, Risk Management Agency, USDA; Daniel Bertoni, Acting Director, Natural Resources and Environment Division, GAO; and public witnesses.

ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION PUBLIC LANDS EFFECTS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Effects of Illegal Immigration on Public and Tribal Lands. Testimony was heard from Representatives Tancredo and Grijalva; the following officials of the Department of the Interior: William T. Civish, District Manager, Dila District, Bureau of Land Management; and Selanhongva McDonald, Southwestern Regional Office, Bureau of Indian Affairs; and public witnesses.

COMBAT EQUIPMENT—IRAQ AND AFGHANISTAN

Committee on Armed Services, Subcommittee on Tactical Air and Land Forces, hearing to receive an update on the use of combat helmets, vehicle armor, and body armor by ground forces in Operation Iraq